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MARCONI SPLIT ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ

Greece's legendary goalscorer Anton Antoniadis — he has something special to prove when he tours Australia with Olympiakos next month. See our special feature on the famous Greek club on pages 8 and 10.

OVER RASIC

By PETER SCOTT

Seven of the nine members of Marconi's soccer committee resigned last week in the latest incident of a three-year battle for control of the club's football activities.

The catalyst for the dramatic split is the question of whether manager-coach Rale Rasic should be re-appointed for 1979.

The president of Marconi's soccer section, Tony Labozetta, claimed his committee was overruled in its decision to dispense with the services of Rasic and his assistant, Jim Frazer.

"The club's board of directors has apparently decided to fight us on these issues," he said last week.

"We made recommendations, based on what we felt were valid reasons, that Rasic should not be retained next year, but they chose to ignore us."

The president of Club Marconi, Angelo Bagatella, said the soccer committee had no authority to dispense with the services of Rasic and Frazer.

"They know that only the board has the right to hire and fire," Mr Bagatella said.

He revealed that Rasic was notified by the soccer committee before the end of the season that he would not be employed by the club in 1979.

Upon learning this, the board advised Rasic to ignore the committee's decision and similar action was taken in Frazer's case.

"The soccer association at Marconi was formed, and money allocated to it, to run our teams efficiently," Mr Bagatella said.

"After last week's resignations they are not doing the job any more and I want to

see soccer brought under the control of the board of directors again.

"Failing that, I can see us drifting apart and Marconi being divided into two clubs in the future.

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Watkiss v. Abonyi

Former Soccer team

mates Arti Abonyi and Johnny

Watkiss are plotting each

other's downfall this week as

Sydney Croats and Suther-

land prepare for a clash that

promises to be a fitting climax

to the N.S.W. season.

Abonyi's Croats, champion of

the State, will play Melbourne

against Watkiss's Sutherland, which

humbled Croats 4-1 in a

semi-final two weeks ago.

Watkiss' men were given a

warning when Croats dumped

Melita Eagles 3-0 last week to

earn the right to play off in the

final (see page 16).

However, in Watkiss, Suther-

land has the experience to cause

another upset.

Abonyi, Ian Stone and Mu-

rice Sullivan are Croats' danger

men, and the grand final should

be one of the most exciting games

seen in the State League this sea-

son.

Player of the year named tomorrow

The Australian Player of the Year will be named at the Australian Soccer Press Association presentation dinner at Sydney's Wentworth Hotel tomorrow (Thursday).

Candidates include Ken Boden (Newcastle), Neil McGachey (W. Adelaide), Roberto Vieri (Marconi), Steve Perry (Brisbane City), Peter Boyle (W. Adelaide), Zdravko Lujic (Footscray) and others.

The Jimmy Mackay perpetual trophy for the most improved under 21 player of the year will also be presented tomorrow.

Candidates for that award include Ian McGregor (W. Adelaide), George Campbell (St Melbourne), Danny Moulis, Mike Milivojevic (Canberra), Ian Souness (Hakoah) and Zoran Illic (Footscray).

Previous winners of this award are — Duncan Cummings (St Melbourne), 1974 and '75, Arthur Xanthopoulos (St Melbourne) 1976 and John Kozmina (W. Adelaide) 1977.

Other ASPA awards are for the coach of the year and for the best referee.

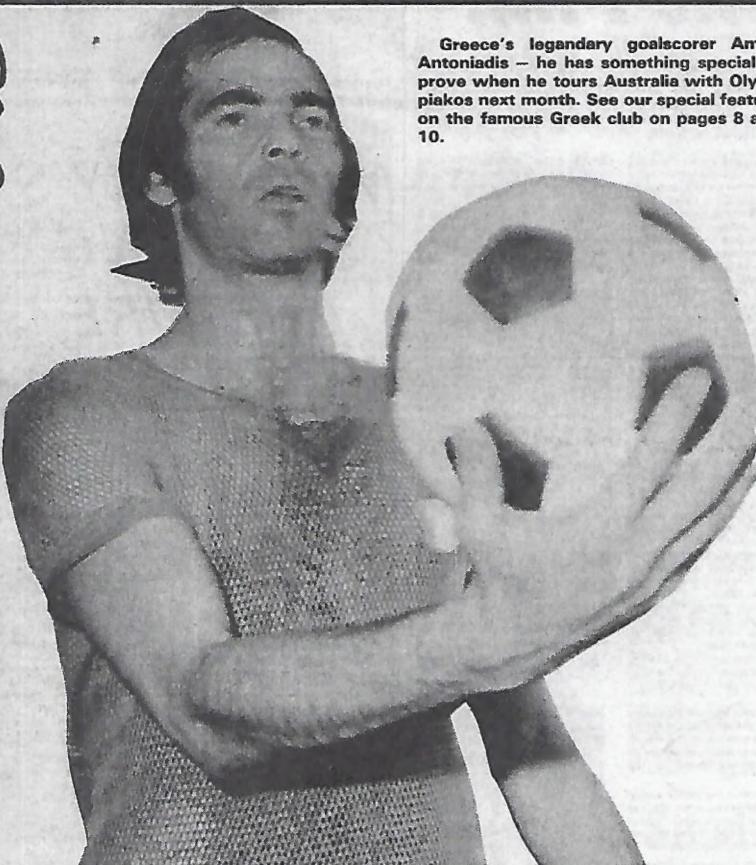
APIA-West's talks

Western Suburbs and APIA Leichhardt were meeting on their proposed merger at the time we went to Press, so we are unable to include in this week's edition the results of the talks.

Watch your daily papers for details.

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It's do or die for Preston and the Cross

Preston and George Cross face do-or-die matches in the second round of the Victorian State League Cup at Olympic Park this Sunday.

If the two first round losers don't turn the tables and collect two points, they will both be out of the running for a place in the final.

Preston must beat old enemy Essendon Croats to keep alive its chances, while George Cross meets Hakoah St Kilda, which recorded a shock 4-1 over Preston in the first round.

But while two teams are fighting elimination, the other two have the chance of cementing berths in the final.

Hakoah and Croats have two points each. If both teams win on Sunday, they will move into unassailable positions at the top of the ladder and play off in the final.

But if one, or both, of the first round winners go down in the second round, the finalists won't be known until the completion of the third and final round.

Preston must bolster its defence if it's to have any hope of reaching the final, so Eric Leabirel may move into the back four. The team must now hope that the defensive changes will be enough to recover.

Against Croats, there's a tall order, even though the State League champs will be without Alan Kerr and Eddie Krivacic.

Croats moved into favouritism after its big win last weekend but will find it difficult to put four goals past George Cross.

George went down 0-1 to Croats, but with Ken Reed once again linking up with ace wingers Jim Papera and Robert Cullen, the Cross will not be pushovers.

Hakoah will have the edge in midfield, where Bill Jordanou, Stewart Blair and Steve Gadsby are playing well, but coach Frank Miele will be hoping Mike Clarey can put on a devastating display, as he did against Preston.

State League Cup round two, Olympic Park, Sunday October 15: 1.30pm Hakoah v. Geoge Cross, 3.15 pm. Essendon Croats v. Preston.

— KYLE PATTERSON



Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croats has won the Victorian Rothmans Medal. Cumming (with medal) is pictured with the previous winners, standing from left — John Gardiner ('71 & '72), Vince Bannon ('73), Pat Bonnon ('74), front — Jim Tansey ('76) and David Baker ('75 & '77).



Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser makes his speech at the Victorian Rothmans Medal presentation night at the Southern Cross Hotel.



National coach Rudi Gutendorf (left) was among the guests. Here he is with Steve Kalus, secretary of the Soccer Press Association.

Quips and praise from the P.M.

It was nice to be associated with a best and fairest award of which no-one knew the winner beforehand, the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, said at the Victorian Rothmans Medal presentation night last week.

He was alluding to the Australian Rules Docker Medal, the result of which was "leaked" before the presentation.

"To those who know how to keep a secret: you should come

to Canberra and teach us how to," Mr Fraser told the gathering of about 150 players and officials at the Southern Cross Hotel.

He said the qualities needed to win a best and fairest award reminded him of that well-known saying: "Life wasn't meant to be easy".

"Such an award is obviously difficult to attain," he said.

"It brings the very best out of players. To gain votes they have to go in for the hard ball and win it fair."

"A small group of players goes in unfairly but this group wins no marks from players or spectators."

"It's a pity there is no best and fairest award in politics. It might remind some politicians to keep their minds on the game."

"In politics the tendency recently has been to play the man rather than the ball . . . and our umpires are much slower to act than yours."

Mr Fraser said he was impressed by the impact soccer was making on Australia.

"I understand about 60 nations are represented here tonight, which is a great thing for sport and for the nation."

"Soccer is gaining strength in schools and colleges and competing for patronage with the other football codes."

"Such competition is healthy, for it must serve to raise the overall standard and to improve facilities."

"Soccer's special attraction is that it provides players with the chance to travel the world, which must be an incentive to all youngsters taking up the sport."

"I know that the sport's administration is making every effort to produce a world-class national team, with the aim being to reach the next World Cup finals."

"I'm sure everyone in Australia wishes soccer the best in that endeavour."

"However, for tens of thousands of young men just playing the game is reward enough for the time and effort they put in."

Mr Fraser said he had been told that Victorian soccer started about 100 years ago with four clubs — Prahran, Carlton, Melbourne Rovers and South Melbourne.

"Now there are 930 junior teams in the Melbourne metropolitan area, apart from all the senior teams, which augers well for the future and speaks volumes about the professional way in which the game is administered and promoted."

"The example set by the national soccer competition — the first national competition of its type in any Australian sport — has

further increased interest in the code."

Mr Fraser also praised the Rothmans company.

"This evening would not be taking part without the backing of Rothmans," he said. "The company is to be commended."



Green Gully's Ian McCarthy (left) makes a gourmet's decision as Jim Tansey (Fitzroy) gets "stuck in."

McCarthy's Sporting Gesture

Veteran Green Gully midfielder Ian McCarthy, one of the leading vote getters in the Rothmans Medal has made one of the kindest gestures of the season.

McCarthy, who's spent 10 years in the Victorian State League, gave his Armstrong Cup winner's medal to one of the youngest members of the club.

The 33-year-old former Sunshine City and Melbourne star explained his action at the Rothmans presentation night, where he surprised everyone by polling 20 votes.

"There are a couple of young kids who spent the year in Green Gully's reserve team," he said, "but because they played in the seniors' Dockerty Cup ties at the start of the season they were ineligible for the reserve cup."

"But it's not fair to the young kids who battle in the reserves all season, then lose their place when they do well in the Cup."

McCarthy hit out at senior players who look down at reserve teams as being second rate.

"A lot of players take out of soccer what they need to live," he said, "but put nothing back. Senior players should be involved with juniors and reserve teams. Most first teamers don't think the reserve sides are important, and don't help them."

"That's not good at all. I get a lot of happiness out of helping young players. At the moment, playing takes up most of my soccer time, but when I've finished playing, I'll devote time to coaching a junior or reserve team."

diminutive McCarthy should be commended for his attitude.

He finished equal third in the Rothmans Gold Medal award, was runner-up in 1969, and third in 1975.

McCarthy announced that he will continue in the State League for at least another season.

"The best thing Sunshine ever did for me was let me go to Green Gully," said McCarthy. "1978 was my best season for football."

The atmosphere in the club is great, but I must thank coach Duncan McKay. He got me really enjoying the game once again."



Frankston's Sandy Irvine, one of the leading vote-getters



Mick Watkins (left) of Juventus and Billy Wilkinson of George Cross show Tommy Cumming the victory sign.

Team of the year

The Victorian State League Team of the Year, based on referees' votes awarded for the Rothmans Medal (note: Alan Davidson wins midfield spot ahead of Willie Coulson on countback):

Hans van der POEL (Altona)

Vince BANNON (Frankston)

David BAKER (Hawthorn)

Sandy IRVINE (Frankston)

Steve SHORT (St Kilda)

Ian McCARTHY (GG Ajax)

John DAVIDSON (Altona)

Alan DAVIDSON (Altona)

Tommy CUMMING (Croydon)

George McMICHLAN (Makindale)

Robert CULLEN (G. Cross)

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Croatia tops

Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia polled the highest number of referees' votes — 92.

| No. of players polled | No. of votes polled |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Ess. — Croatia | 13 |
| Slavia | 11 |
| Hakoah | 11 |
| Preston-Makedonia | 13 |
| Frankston | 10 |
| Altona | 12 |
| George Cross | 11 |
| Green Gully Ajax | 11 |
| Sunshine | 12 |
| Juventus | 9 |
| Albion Leyland | 12 |
| Ringwood | 8 |
| | 92 |
| | 80 |
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| | 44 |



The Slavia table, from left: John Yzendoorn, Jim Train and coach Harry Chalkitis.

Kerr was best, say Yzendoorn, Short

Alan Kerr of Essendon Croatia should have won the 1978 Rothmans Gold Medal. That's the opinion of Slavia pair Steve Short and John Yzendoorn.

But both agreed that Tommy Cumming was a worthy winner.

Short paid tribute to Kerr's fighting qualities in nominating him as the best player in the State League.

"He's the best club player around," said Short. "He gives everything he's got in every game. The Croats defence looks good because Kerr's in front of them, and cuts out a lot of danger.

"He's the best destroyer in the league, and holds the Croatia team together."

Yzendoorn agreed with the choice of Kerr as the top player.

"But Cumming is capable of turning a match," said Yzendoorn.

"He's a match-winner and I'd like to have him in my team."

"But even Tom himself would probably agree that he hasn't had the best of seasons."

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The Slavia pair agreed with State Director of Coaching, Len McKindry, who said the voting system needed review.

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"The refs watch the ball for 90 minutes but each player is in possession for an average three minutes a game."

Yzendoorn, who was one of the favorites for the Rothmans Medal, polled only 17 votes.

Short did better, polling 22 votes to finish equal second.

However, Yzendoorn wasn't disappointed with his showing.

"I've been in Australia six months," he said, "and didn't expect to get anywhere. But I won the 'Soccer Action' player of the year award, which was a bonus."

Short and Yzendoorn expect to go on as well as he did.

PSL clubs may be interested to learn that both Short and Yzendoorn want to leave Slavia for a national league club.

Both would do well in the national competition.

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McMillan unhappy with his form

George McMillan, the lanky Scottish striker of Preston, is certainly a hard man to please.

He won Preston's best and fairest award, was the team's highest goalscorer and leading votegetter in the Rothmans Gold Medal, but says he let the club down this season.

"At times this season," explained McMillan, "I didn't play well at all. I let the club down. They bought me from Essendon and I didn't do as well as I should have."

McMillan added that he would stay with Preston for at least another season. There was speculation that he was going to return to Scotland and quit Australian soccer.

Looking at McMillan's achievement this season, it seems he's being a little harsh on himself.

"I take it as a compliment that I received 20 votes from referees," he said, "but the players in the team deserve more credit."

"I love scoring goals, but my first interest is for my team to win. I don't go out on the field thinking about scoring goals so that I can win awards. If I can score goals that help the team win a game, that's great."

McMillan finished equal second on the State League top goalscorer's list with 14 goals. Jamie Paton of Slavia finished first with 17, followed by McMillan and Mike Cleary on 14.

Courage Breweries sponsor the top goalscorer award for \$1000.

McMillan said he wasn't particularly disappointed he didn't win the award.

"The winner of the award, Paton of Slavia, scored six penalty kicks," said McMillan, "but I'm not using that as an excuse. I don't take penalties, but if I had played better, I would have scored more than him."

The former Croatia Perth player said he was aiming at being more consistent in 1979.

"I'd like the chance to play in the Philips League with Preston next season," he added.

"There's not much difference between the State League and the PSL and I'm sure we'd do well."

"The PSL teams play much too slowly and always prefer to push the ball backwards if there's nothing definite on front."

"Preston likes to attack and we'd run some of those teams off the park."

From left: Alex Alexic (Sunshine), Laurie Schwab ("Soccer Action"), Scott Frew (Sunshine) and Willie Coulson (Ringwood).

Referees Chris Bambridge (left) and Dave Yelland.

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GUTENDORF GETS HELP FROM RASIC

Former national coach Rale Basic and his business associate Bill Englefield have thrown their weight behind new supremo Rudi Gutendorf.

Englefield and Englefield have made available to Gutendorf the Englefield Stadium at Dural, where Basic operates the Australian Soccer Camps coaching school for children.

Gutendorf will use the centre as a live-in camp for his national under 19 squad.

The squad, preparing for the qualifying rounds of the world youth championships, will enter camp for the first time on Friday.

The following week, they will enter camp on the Wednesday and return home on Sunday, October 22.

At this point, the squad will be reduced from 34 to 18, who will again come to Sydney on Friday, October 27, until Sunday, October 29.

The final training camp starts on the evening of November 2, and the squad will stay together until Thursday, November 9, when it flies out to New Zealand, to return on November 19.

The match against the All Blacks of New Zealand has been thrown into confusion by the late inclusion of Papua New Guinea and doubt over the participation of Taiwan.

The New Zealand government has said it will not allow Taiwan to compete under the name Republic of China, so there is the chance that Taiwan will withdraw.

The other competitors are Fiji and New Zealand.

If Australia wins this group it will advance to a further qualifying series in South America. The finals will be in Japan next year.

The preliminary Australian under 19 squad is:

NSW: Greg Woodhouse, Greg Ankudinoff (Western Suburbs), John Karaspyros, Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Paul Kay, Mick O'Shea (St. George), Craig Hall (Sutherland), Ian Hunter (Nepean Corinthian), Peter Kotsopoulos (Waverley).

VICTORIA: The Saramindis (Fitzy), Steve Kekatos, George Chrysanthou (St. Melbourne), Eddie Krnacovic (Essendon Croatia), Jeff Oliver, Steve Blair (Albion Leyland), Alan Davidson (Altona).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Ian May (Steel United), George Koulianous, John Deedes (West Adelaide), Paul Iannacca (Azzurri).

A.C.T.: Steve Hogg, Mike Milovanovic, Danny Moules, David Lindenmayer, Joe Arguero (Canberra City).

QUEENSLAND: Tony Scanlon (Annerley), Mark Brusasco (Brisbane City), John Ogden (Brisbane Lions).

NORTHERN NSW: Peter Tredinnick, Neal Endecott (Newcastle KB United), Graham Jennings, Malcolm McClelland (Adelaide Rosebuds).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: John Spanos (Ascot), Charlie Iannantuoni (Azzurri).

Sixteen enter Copa Italia

Sixteen teams have entered the 1978 *Copa Italia* (Italian Cup) to be played at Jukes Road, Fawkner, Vic., from November 4 to December 3.

The competitors are —
Group A — Juventus, Vermont, Latrobe City, East Brunswick.
Group B — Essendon City, Triestina, Nunawading United, Thomas Town, Bulleen.

Group C — Fawkner, Moonee Ponds, East Carlton, Bundoora.

Group D — Werribee, Shepparton South, Ascot United, Regent.

"Soccer Action" will feature a comprehensive preview supplement of the Cup in a few weeks' time.

Concord's Cup

Concord of Sydney won the annual Mallacoota Cup tournament in far eastern Victoria by beating Sandringham City of Melbourne on penalties in the final.

Sandringham won its group by drawing 0-0 with Shoalhaven and Oak Flats, beating Mallacoota 2-1 and defeating Harbord Diggers 1-0.

George Drda scored both goals against Mallacoota, whose only goal came from a penalty that was taken three times.

Gerry Boggan scored against Harbord Diggers.

In the semi-finals Sandringham beat Cronulla of Sydney 3-0 with goals by Drda, Boggan and John Kennedy, while Concord beat Shoalhaven 1-0.

The final finished scoreless, so the result was decided on penalties.

Drda, Kennedy and Mick Deaves missed with their shots, resulting in a 3-1 penalty win for Concord which also won the Cup last year.



George Drda (Sandringham).

The final was watched by about 250 people, and Alf Bowerman and his committee did an excellent job of organising the tournament.

"We all had a great time and we'll be back again next year," said Sandringham secretary Bill Merkus.

Sandringham's Elvio Pugliese was runner-up in the best goalkeeper award.

Concord's goalkeeper won the award. He made a brilliant save from a 40-metre drive by David Grundy in the final.

Mallacoota's team featured guest players Ian Williamson, John Taylor and Alex Tulloch from Frankston City.

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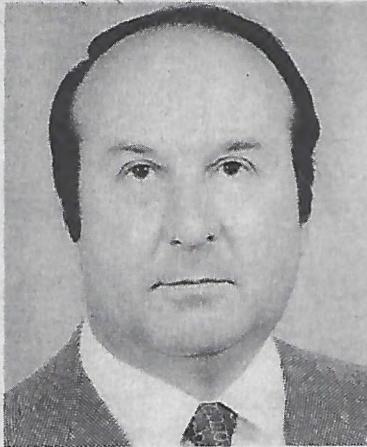
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The secretary of the ASF, Brian le Favre (center) chats with Bill Curran (left) coach of the Victorian under 16s and 19s and John van Hoboken, president of Ringwood City.

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Enver Begovic — nominated for the vice-presidency of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Mr Enver Begovic, a foundation member of the Victorian Soccer Federation and for many years one of the leading soccer administrators in Australia, has nominated for the position of VSF vice-president.



Mr Begovic (light coat) prepares to present medals after a Cup final at Olympic Park.

PROGRESS FOR VICTORIA IS BEGOVIC'S AIM

Candidate for vice-presidency believes lower leagues should have more say



• Enver Begovic — relaxing.

Mr Begovic said this week: "Because of the formation of the Philips League, I strongly feel that the State League and Metropolitan League clubs must adopt better policies to achieve better promotion and greater success for Victorian soccer.

"We must also work on getting more publicity to reach the younger people of Victoria so that they can become more interested in the affairs of Victorian soccer.

"I also believe strongly that Metropolitan League clubs and other affiliated leagues should have more say in important voting decisions taken by the Victorian board of management."

Mr Begovic expresses his gratitude for being nominated for the vice-president's position.

The election will be at the annual general meeting of the VSF on October 26 at 8 pm.

Since his arrival in Australia in 1957, Mr Begovic has been a strong supporter of Victorian soccer.

Apart from being a foundation member of the federation, he served for many years as president of Croatia Soccer Club and became club delegate to the State League management committee.

Mr Begovic then became treasurer of the VSF, chairman of the State League, Victorian delegate to the Australian Soccer Federation, life member of the VSF and also served on various VSF sub-committees.

In 1977 and 1978 he was elected president of the Victorian District and Industrial Leagues but unfortunately his health was not the best at the time and for this reason he was unable to carry out his duties in the way he would have liked.

Eventually he had to resign on the advice of his doctor.

However, Mr Begovic is now in excellent health and able to devote a lot of time to help clubs and the federation whenever required.

Mr Begovic has always been a strong and enthusiastic advocate for progress and for certain changes in the structure and administration of the VSF.

His message to the soccer fraternity in general is:

"I will serve you all in every possible way that I can, and I will not disappoint you."

Mr Begovic is managing director of a large security and private detective company in Melbourne.

He is also connected with various charitable organisations in Victoria.

He speaks various European languages, which means he is able to help ethnic groups by offering and organising seminars to teach club officials how to improve administration and achieve greater progress for their own clubs and for soccer in general.



Mr Begovic, as chairman of the State League, meets players before a Dockerty Cup final. With him are Mrs Dockerty, wife of the late Harry Dockerty, and Theo Marmaras, president of the VSF.

CLAREY DAZZLES SLACK PRESTON

HAKOAH 4 (Nagy 15th, Jordanou 52nd, French 73rd, Clarey 89th). PRESTON 1 (Glennon 78th), State League Cup, at Olympic Park greyhound track, crowd for double-header about 6000.

Ratings —

HAKOAH — Whiteside 6, Owens 7, Baker 7, Dosen 7, Daperis 6, Blair 8, Jordanou 9, Gadsby 7.5; Nagy 8, French 7, Clarey 10.

MAKEDONIA — Laumets 6, Petrovski 6, Brewerton 6, Hooper 6.5, Beech 6, McClymont 6.5, McGifford 5.5 (Blasavski 58th), Bernard 6 (Lesbirel 61st); Faulkner 6.5, McMillan 6, Glennon 7.

Mike Clarey, pictured in the colors of Mooroolbark.



Les Nagy

Bill Jordanou

Mike Clarey scored one goal and laid on three others in Hakoah's dashing 4-1 victory over Preston. A striker can't do much more than that!

Clarey seems to be getting better with age. He's 30 now, yet he's had his best goalscoring season since 1972.

Clarey scored 14 goals in league games this year, apart from various Cup goals including the one he got last Sunday. He has notched 95 goals in State

League matches since he arrived from England in 1969, making him second-highest State League scorer behind Jim Armstrong, who retired recently after scoring 144.

Clarey was top scorer in the league with 18 in 1970 and joint runner-up with 15 in 1972.

His totals for every season have been — seven in 1969, 16 in 1970, 11 in 1971, 15 in 1972, 12 in 1973, six in 1974, 10 in 1975, seven in 1976 and 14 this year.

His total is listed for 1977 as he spent that season in the Philips League with Mooroolbark, where he scored one goal each for the year.

Clarey joined Mooroolbark in 1976.

In that season he scored seven goals.

The other years were spent with Hakoah. Before coming to Australia, Clarey played amateur soccer in north-west London for Westeadon and Kingstbury Town.

Before coming to Australia he was top scorer in a Spartan League with 25 goals in 1968.

Despite his relentless goalscoring, Clarey has been selected only once for Victoria. That was in 1971 against one of Czechoslovakia. Kosice won 5-1, but at least Clarey scored Victoria's only goal.

Against Preston last Sunday, Clarey played in a group of defenders to the feet of Jordanou who hit the bottom of the post but put the ball into the net at his second attempt.

The rest of the game was clear. Nagy was beating Steve Beech, Ljubo Petrovski was giving Clarey too much room, and Tom Brewerton in the middle was fumbling, leaving Gary Hooper to score.

The Preston midfielders, Bill McClymont, John McGifford and John Bernard were very ordinary compared with their Hakoah counterparts.

John Daperis had had causing problems in the first half, mainly because John Daperis didn't mark him tightly enough, but when Daperis became more determined, even Faulkner had trouble marking him.

Preston goalkeeper Peter Laumets had to make a difficult save from a powerful shot by French, and then a good ball by Bernard created a break for Preston.

The ball went to Chris Glennon but he pushed it too far ahead of himself and lost control over it.

Preston made some changes — bringing in Duncan Blasavski and coach Eric Leesbirel for McClymont and Bernard.

Clarey simply shrugged his shoulders and responded to put Hakoah further ahead.

He ran to the goalline, next to the penalty area, shook off a challenge from Brewerton and squared the ball for Glennon to pound it in. Nagy had 25 goals in 1976.

In the 78th minute, in a Preston death throw, Glennon stuck his foot up at a header into the area, and managed to deflect the ball past Whiteside for a consolation goal.

But Hakoah kept coming.

With a minute left to play, Hooper missed the ball in the middle, allowing Clarey to pound it on. It took a deflection and went in, with the outside of his right foot, neatly into the net for Hakoah's fourth goal.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Key strikers return for Cross, Croatia

By KYLE PATTERSON

Tommy Cumming, the winner of both the Bill Fleming and Rothmans Gold Medals, will make his first appearance in the 1978 Victorian State League Cup this weekend.

The Essendon Croatia winger missed his team's 1-0 first round victory over George Cross because of a thigh muscle injury.

Croatia will be without centre forward Eddie Krcinic for its clash with Preston because he's involved in a selection race for the Australian under-19 team, which is to compete in the Coca Cola World Youth Cup.

George Cross will regain key striker Ken Reid for its game against Hakoah St. Kilda.

Kerr is going home

Essendon Croatia strongman Alan Kerr (pictured) may have played his last game for the club.

Kerr, who represented Victoria in a game against Dundee of Scotland earlier this year, will return home to Scotland in early November.

He's undecided about whether he will return to Australia.

The midfielder may not play again in Australia after receiving a three-week suspension from the Victorian Soccer Federation disciplinary committee for accumulating three yellow cards.

The suspension, which covers Croatia's first three games in the State League Cup, means Kerr's next game will be the State League Cup final - if Croatia qualifies.

If the Essendon club misses out on the final, Kerr will leave on a sour note. His last two games with Croatia, of which he's captain, ended in defeat.

Those defeats were at the hands of Ringwood City (1-2) in a Dockerty Cup semi-final, and Adelaide City (0-1) in a Philips Cup quarter-final.

Kerr will miss Essendon's end-of-season trip to Canberra for a tournament involving Croatian-backed soccer clubs in Australia.

Essendon is hoping that Kerr may be able to line up some players for the club when he returns to Scotland.

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Davidson 50th min) GEORGE CROSS 0 State League Cup, at Olympic Park. Crowd: Double header 6000.

CROATIA: Banovic 7, Smart 6, Gardiner 7, Kokoska 6, Blavir 8, Murphy 7, Culina 7, Andrews 6, Krcinic 7, Gilder 6, Bernard 9. GEORGE CROSS: Matic 7, Culina 6, Maitland 6, Webb 6, Barron 6, Mirak 6, Wilkinson 7, Castello 7, Miford 6, (McConville 77th min), Cullen 8, Paparas 9.

But it must be said that Croatia's performance wasn't inspiring, and the team played well below its capabilities.

The absence of Alan Kerr is one reason why the defence was more vulnerable than usual. He normally cuts out a lot of opposition moves in the middle of the park.

Opposition players, in a defensive midfield, played well and blocked a lot of Croatia's attacks in the first half.

But a foul by the retreating Ante Faulkner stopped Cullen half a yard outside the penalty area.

Branislav Culina had the misfortune of finding out first hand about a tough new rule taken by referees.

The Croatia midfields came closer together to take the ball away from George Cross to be able to take its free kick.

That action earned him the yellow card, and no doubt many more players will fall into a similar trap if the Croatia players are consistent with this policy.

Wilkinson was doing an effective job in the midfield for the Cross. He stayed fairly central and concentrated on picking up the loose balls and distributing quickly.

For Croatia, Blavir defended solidly, but was impulsive when joining in attacks down the left flank.

At half time, the score was 0-0, but Croatia had the better of the play.

The Cross winger closed down on the ball from Gardiner in the 50th min.

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Olympiakos has won the Greek championship 20 times since 1928.

The next most successful team in Greece is Panathinaikos which has won the title 12 times.

Since the Greek national league was formed in 1960, Olympiakos has grabbed the title four times — in 1966, 67, 73 and 74.

Panathinaikos is the overall champion of the national league, with nine titles.

Olympiakos has won the Greek Cup 17 times since 1932. AEK Athens is next with eight Cup triumphs, the latest having been achieved last year.

Olympiakos has also won a Balkan Cup, beating Gianni Riva's Cagliari 1-0 in the final.

ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ



• Last year's picture of Olympiakos, standing from left: Gaitatzis, (now retired), Kolesidis, Vasiliopoulos (transferred), Synetopoulos, Angelis (retired), Kirastas. Front: Glezos (transferred to Kalithes), Losanda, Viera (transferred to AEK), Galakos, Karavitis, Stavropoulos (transferred).

Coach played for Yugoslavia



Olympiakos is coached by Toza Veselinovic, a former Yugoslav international.

Veselinovic played in the 1958 World Cup finals in Sweden, where Yugoslavia was knocked out of the quarter-finals by West Germany.

He scored three goals in the tournament — two against France and one against Paraguay.

Details of the games in which he competed:

YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Petekovic)
SCOTLAND 1 (Murray). **YUGOSLAVIA:** Beara, Sijakovic, Zabec, Cmkovic, Krasic, Boskov, Patkovic, Veselinovic, Milutinovic, Sekulic, Rajkovic.

SCOTLAND: Younger, Caldow, Evans, Hewitt, Turnbull, Cowie, Legatt.

Olympiakos coach Toza Veselinovic with two of his stars, Galakos (left) and Kritikopoulos.

YUGOSLAVIA 3 (Veselinovic, Ogajic, Rajkovic). **PARAGUAY 3:** (Paredes, 2, Aguero).

YUGOSLAVIA: Beara, Tomic, Zabec, Cmkovic, Krasic, Boskov, Petkovic, Veselinovic, Milutinovic, Sekulic, Rajkovic.

FRANCE: Remerat, Kaibel, Jonquet, Merche, Panzane, Lerond, Wiliński, Fontaine, Kopa, Planiotis, Vincant.

PARAGUAY: Aguilar, Arevalo, Lezcano, Echague, Villalba, Achucaro, Aguero, Parodi, Romero, Ro, Amarillo.

QUARTER-FINAL: **WEST GERMANY (Rahn), YUGOSLAVIA 0.**

WEST GERMANY: Kerkennah, Stollenwerk, Ehrhardt, Juskowiak, Ekel, Szymkowiak, Rahn, Walter, Seeler, Schindziel, Scherer.

YUGOSLAVIA: Krivokuka, Sijakovic, Zabec, Cmkovic, Krasic, Boskov, Petkovic, Veselinovic, Milutinovic, Sekulic, Rajkovic.



Kaltsas is on the ground after scoring the winning goal in Olympiakos' 2-1 victory over Levski Spartak in their UEFA Cup match in Piraeus.

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Brisbane City's star recruit Steve Perry, leads clear in front of Fitzroy's Gary Cole. At left is Peter Tokesi and in the middle Frank Pinniblett



Alan Ainslie — a good buy for Olympic



West Adelaide's Vic Bozanic (left) tackles Andrew Bozikas of Fitzroy. Bozanic is headed for the national squad.

Perry, Bozanic best buys of season

by KYLE PATTERSON

Forget about the glamorous introduction of Ralph Coates, Frank Munro and Alun Evans to the Australian domestic scene. The most successful transfer of this season must be that of Steve Perry, who moved from Western Suburbs to Brisbane City.

A full back with Wests, Perry became a star performer overnight after moving north to Queensland and switching to the sweeper position.

But in the long run, the transfer of Vic Bozanic from South Australian State League club Polonia to West Adelaide could be even more successful.

The 20-year-old full back or midfielder emerged as a player of class in West Adelaide's home run for the championship and has been earmarked for selection to Rudi Gutendorf's national squad.

Perry and Bozanic are only two of many players who switched clubs this season. At least \$200,000 was invested in the transfer market by PSL clubs during 1978.

Money talks any language, and especially in the world of soccer.

Controversial British manager Tommy Docherty holds the opinion that every player in the world is available for transfer — at the right price.

The success of a club can often be determined by the amount spent on promotion, facilities and above all, players.

The Australian domestic scene has a yearly dose of transfer-market mayhem as clubs scramble to strengthen their playing staffs.

In 1978, new records were established, and new trends developed as PSL clubs became more business-like in their approach.

In February this year, the Australian inter-club transfer record was raised to \$30,000.

It was a massive 100% jump on the old record, which was established seven months earlier, but the sudden increase shouldn't be blamed entirely on the rate of inflation.

A \$30,000 cheque waved by Brisbane City was enough to persuade Queensland State League club Grange Thistle to relinquish the services of former Scotland International Jim Hermitage.

Brisbane City, the club for which Hermitage played during the 1977 season, was eager also to sign the ex-Aberdeen defender, but Lions did the better talking and swung the deal.

The previous record was \$15,000, paid by Adelaide City to Hakoah-East for Australian international Agenor Muniz.

Towards the end of this season, South Melbourne and Footscray just set a precedent that will no

doubt become an extremely popular practice in seasons to come.

The injury-stricken Footscray needed to bolster its playing staff, but at the same time didn't want to pay big money for a replacement player so late in the season.

The problem for South Melbourne came in with a compromise — it would lend Footscray a player to help the club through its player shortage.

After the stipulated loan period had expired, the player would either return to South Melbourne or be sold to Footscray.

Bobby McGuiness was the man involved but Footscray decided not to retain him after the season.

Back to the original point — money. PSL clubs weren't meant during 1978 and hefty transfer fees were being paid left, right and centre.

In one instance, a player was bought for \$5,000 but sold again before he'd played a game.

That man is Graeme Norris who joined Hakoah for \$5,000 from Western Suburbs then was whisked away to West Adelaide for a similar fee.

Norris had the last laugh, because West Adelaide was to the PSL championship, pipping Hakoah by one point!

Let's now look at the major domestic transfers that have taken place this season.

OUR VERDICT: A great success.

Savio Iozelli was plucked from the obscurity of the West Australian State League to fill a vacant full back position with Brisbane City.

He'd gained success by gaining selection in an Australian under-23 team, but this transfer was his big break.

But Iozelli failed to shine in City's team, and may be struggling to win back his spot.

He's young enough for a second attempt next season, and could make it yet.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful so far.

Barry Kelso bridged the gap between the Queensland State League and the PSL without much trouble and was a consistent performer in Brisbane City's forward line after a late-season transfer.

He's impressed a lot of people with his displays, and will be a name to watch in 1979.

OUR VERDICT: Very successful.

Alan Marley played against Australia for New Zealand in the qualifying rounds for the 1974 World Cup, and joined Brisbane City at the start of this season.

City's top goalcorer in league games (six goals) but disappeared from the team late in the season.

OUR VERDICT: Not up to expectations.

Steve Amos left West Adelaide for Brisbane Lions, and had a fairly successful, but unspectacular season.

Playing mostly as a midfielder, Amos held his place, and had a reasonable season.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Barrie Fairbrother the former Orient and Millwall striker, was the centre of a clearance wrangle when he attempted to transfer from Mooroolbark Utd to Brisbane Lions.

He eventually switched for \$10,000 but soon after wanted to leave after failing to win a place in the team.

His form was far short of what a club would expect of a \$10,000 forward, and his goal tally was just as unsatisfactory.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Marconi recruit Mark Jankovic (centre) tangles with Footscray's Joe Picioane (left) and Joe Palinkas (no. 7) At right is Paul Degney

TOP TEN DOMESTIC TRANSFERS OF THE PSL SEASON

In order of merit

- 1 Steve Perry — Western Suburbs to Brisbane City.
- 2 Vic Bozanic — Polonia (SA) to West Adelaide
- 3 Mark Jankovic — St George to Marconi
- 4 Col Curran — Western Suburbs to Newcastle KB Utd
- 5 Ernie Campbell — Marconi to Hakoah
- 6 Jim Hermiston — Grange Thistle (Q) to Brisbane Lions
- 7 Alan Ainslie — Western Suburbs to Sydney Olympic
- 8 Barry Kelso — Annerley (Q) to Brisbane City
- 9 Bertie Lutton — Hakoah to South Melbourne
- 10 Robert Marwe — Croatia (SA) to Adelaide City

His first game with Lions was at full back, but soon he was moved to the centre of the defence with the occasion run in midfield.

Lions had a reasonable year but with Hermiston the club was hoping for a lot more. Jim's form was good, although he never reached the heights of the previous season.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

The man chosen to fill Hermiston's boots in the Brisbane City team was Perry.

Perry was an above-average full back, but since switching to the sweeper role, he has grown in stature.

He's thrived on the responsibility thrust upon him, and has been consistently outstanding this season.

OUR VERDICT: A great success.

Transfer of players from an overseas club to a PSL club won't be considered.

First of all to Brisbane.

Hermiston's move was the big news in the transfer scene. Last year he helped an ordinary-looking Brisbane City with the Philips Cup and gained a respectable place on the league table.

His experience was invaluable to City, and that the club finished wooden spooners without him is a measure of Hermiston's ability.

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OUR VERDICT: Very successful.

Alan Marley played against Australia for New Zealand in the qualifying rounds for the 1974 World Cup, and joined Brisbane City at the start of this season.

City's top goalcorer in league games (six goals) but disappeared from the team late in the season.

OUR VERDICT: Not up to expectations.

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Playing mostly as a midfielder, Amos held his place, and had a reasonable season.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Barrie Fairbrother the former Orient and Millwall striker, was the centre of a clearance wrangle when he attempted to transfer from Mooroolbark Utd to Brisbane Lions.

He eventually switched for \$10,000 but soon after wanted to leave after failing to win a place in the team.

His form was far short of what a club would expect of a \$10,000 forward, and his goal tally was just as unsatisfactory.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

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Bertie Lutton shoots for goal Lutton joined South Melbourne from Hakoah for \$8500.

Fairbrother showed some good form during his last few games with Mooroolbark, but he's yet to produce the goods in this country.

OUR VERDICT: Not up to expectations.

Paul Ontong seemed destined for great things on the national scene. His wing play was one of the good points in the troublesome Mooroolbark team.

However, injury and loss of form have marred Ontong's season with Brisbane Lions.

His fee of \$6,000 wasn't a chicken feed, and Lions will be hoping the club's investment pays off in the long run.

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Now down to Sydney Olympic had coaching troubles once again this season, which wouldn't have helped the form of new signings Alan Ainslie and Paul Coton.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful so far.

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clubs for its first season in the PSL.

Lloyd Hardes, a local player with plenty of promise, had a fair year, but no doubt the club is hoping he'll be a success.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

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OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Phil Dando and Roy Drinkwater have played together for the past five years, starting in New Zealand before going to Newcastle via Brisbane Lions.

Dando, a goalkeeper, is a reliable man and served Utd well in the club's first year.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Drinkwater is one of the unsung heroes in the Utd side, plugging away each game with little reward. But his displays in defence have always been solid, and you can count on this man for 100% effort.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Canberra City won the race for the signature of young, midfield ace John Davies. He transferred from Sydney Croatia for \$10,000 and is a player of the future.

His efforts this season won him a place in an Australian XI for a game against Greece, and he should continue to become a top player.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Canberra City won back to his old club to sign two players during the 1978 season — Bobby McGuiness and Bertie Lutton.

Lutton started off in fine style but failed to reproduce his good form of the early part of the season.

For \$8,500 South Melbourne is entitled to expect more.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Stevie McGuiness played six games for Souths before being loaned to Footscray. He didn't play at all with either club, and will be struggling to live up to his \$5,000 price tag.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

Marconi made a scoop purchase when Mark Jankovic from Marconi joined the club.

The 19-year-old striker was excellent at the start of the year but stopped him in the second half of the season.

He's good enough.

OUR VERDICT: Very successful.

Peter Ollerton left South Melbourne and joined Marconi for \$15,000 after an argument with South's manager Days Macarthur.

As it turned out, South Melbourne bought Alan Evans to fill the team's centre forward position, so Ollerton's time with the club was limited anyway.

With Marconi, apart from the occasional good display, Ollerton didn't click, although he came into a struggling side.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

Mike Berry was another of Marconi's buys, but he played only three games.

Imported from England by Western Suburbs, Marconi signed the defender after he'd been discarded to a NSW Second division team.

He couldn't crack the Marconi team, and his chances with the Sydney club will be limited.

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The colorful Mike O'Hara was bought by Footscray from Hakoah St Kilda as a replacement for Dennis Boland while Boland was ill early in the season.

O'Hara never looked confident in goals for Footscray, and lost his place to Boland when he was fit again.

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With a string of brilliant performances late in the season, Bozanic has emerged as a top player.

The young full back or midfielder has a tremendous right foot-shot, and has great ability.

Given time, he will emerge as one of the stars of the PSL.

OUR VERDICT: A great success.

Robert Marwe, the versatile Adelaide City player, joined the club from Adelaide Croatia.

He has played full back and strip, competing to either position with ease.

His height and build give him an advantage in aerial duels, and he is young enough to improve.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Henry Kolecki has represented Australia, but had bad luck saw him have only a brief stay with Adelaide City.

He joined from S.A. State League club Polonia, and did well in his first appearance.

However, Adelaide City had the skilful midfielder only on a trial basis, and decided not to buy him because of the number of class midfielders already on the club's books.

He's since re-joined Polonia.

OUR VERDICT: A success.

Dave Rigby joined Adelaide City from Mooroolbark and made only five appearances.

He struggled for form, and hasn't much hope of breaking into Adelaide City's strong midfield.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.



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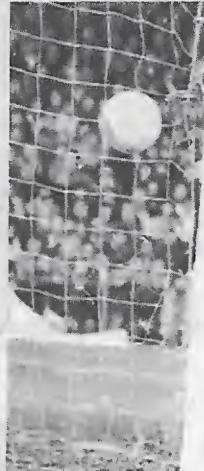


Jim Hermiston (second from right), who joined Brisbane Lions from Brisbane City this year, fails to prevent a shot by Mike Mierski who joined Marconi.

1978 IN PICTURES



Canberra City's skipper Roy Starke accepts the Prime Minister's Cup, the new annual competition between Newcastle KB and Canberra City, from the Member of Parliament for Canberra, Mr John Haslem at the Bruce Stadium. Canberra City beat Newcastle KB 2-0, with both goals coming from Terry Byrne. Canberra retains the trophy until pre-season 1979 when the Cup will be contested on a home and away basis.



Banko Buljevic heads goal no. 3 past Jack Reilly in Fitzroy's 4-1 victory over South Melbourne at Olympic Park in their second league match this year. In the background at right is Stuart Baxter of South Melbourne.



Footscray beat St George at Middle Park during the Saints' poor early-season spell. Here Mirko Rujevic (left) of Footscray tangles with George Harris.



Hakoah-Easts kept the pressure on West Adelaide right to the end of the PSL championship. In the second-last game, Hakoah beat St George 4-2, with Terry Smith (left) scoring two of the goals.



Newcastle United goalkeeper Phil Dando foils Dundee striker Bill Pirie (left). Newcastle beat Dundee 2-1 and Pirie went on to play guest games with Sydney Olympic, as he did last year.



Craig Johnston (right), the young Middlesbrough midfielder, in one of his guest games for Newcastle, against Canberra. At left is John Brown.



Millions of joyous Argentinians stage a fiesta through the streets of Buenos Aires to celebrate their team's triumph in the World Cup.



Peter Ollerton heads home the second goal in South Melbourne's 2-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. in front of 8250 people at Olympic Park. Ollerton transferred to Marconi later in the season. Other players pictured, from left: Mike O'Hara, Billy Rogers, Igor Hazabent, Jim Kondaros, Andrija Ristic.

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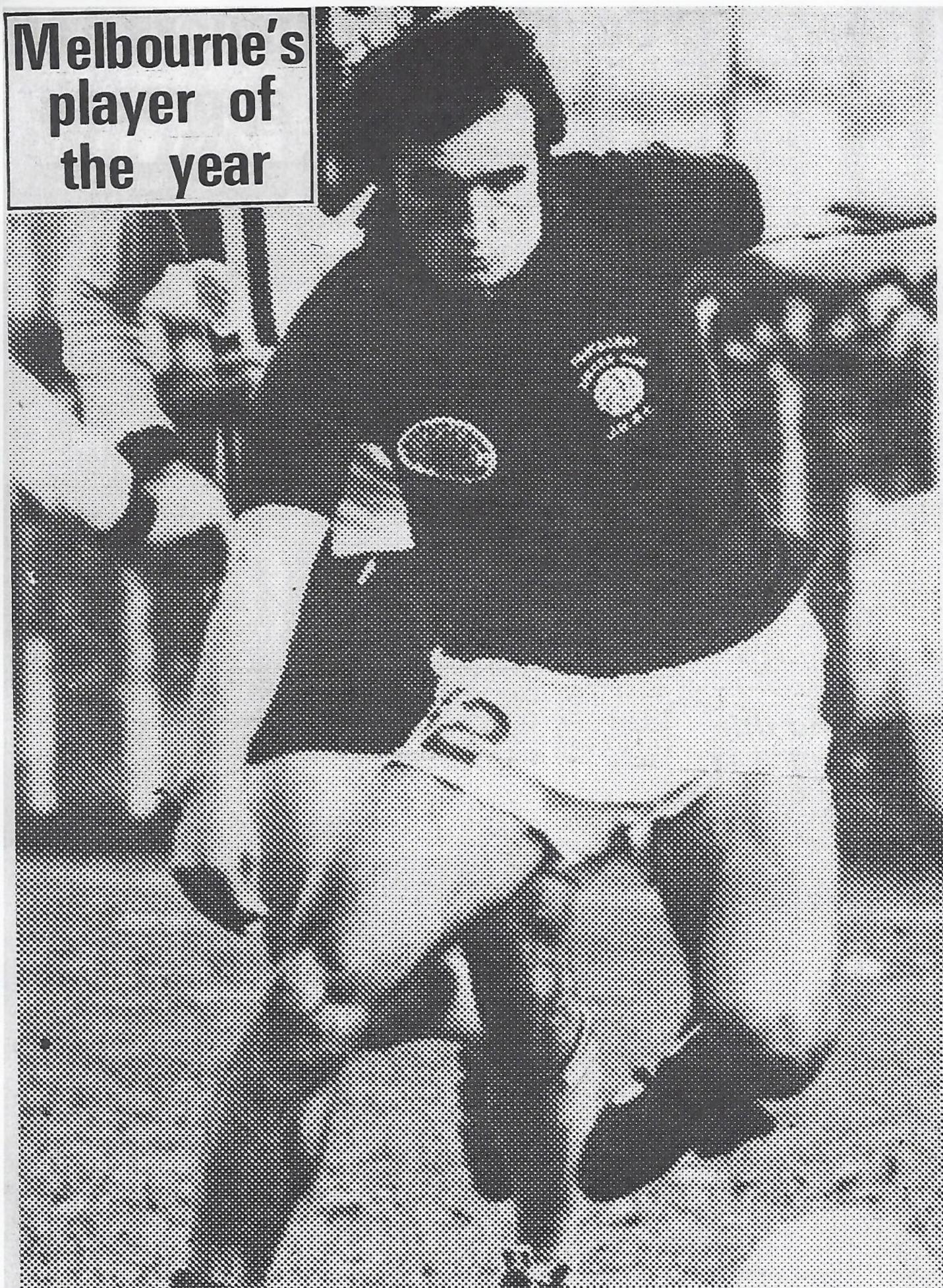
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Melbourne's player of the year



This is Zdravko Lujic of Footscray J.U.S.T. the Victorian player of the year according to ratings in the Yugoslav Airlines Soccer Action award. Lujic is one of the men in the running for the Australian player of the year trophy to be presented at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney tomorrow (Thursday). Lujic who played for Novi Sad in Yugoslavia before joining J.U.S.T. this year, came fourth in the National J.A.T. award with rating of 7.65. Ken Boden of Newcastle, Steve Perry of Brisbane City and Neil McGachey of West Adelaide, filled the first three placings. Picture by Sam Belfonte.

Frank Mlčić, lako je obesio kopacke o klin, nije još rekao poslednju rec u nogometu. To je najbolje osjetila Makedonija, koju je Hakoah ubedljivo pobedio sa 4:1. Pitanje sampiona Viktorije po svoj prilici resice između sebe Hakoah i Essendon/Croatia. GEORGE Cross će imarati da odloži svoj plan da ove godine izjednaci rekord, koji je postigao J.U.S.T. u Kupu cekovke. Međutim, iznenađenje nije nemoguce, jer je J.U.S.T. tri puta uzastopce postao sampion iako je izgubio pet utakmica. Taj povidi mogu lako da ponove i George Cross i Makedonija.

"PLAVI" SE ODMARUJU

Mjesec oktobar je bio dan za odmor. Međutim, Kubovi Ivančićevi i liga su se na prvi dan odmora. Cak i najboljniji turnir nisu mogli da organizuju u Melburnu, sto je dobro došlo klubovima drzave lige Viktorije i saveza da poprave svoje finansije. Ovo naročito vali za Hakoah, koji se vise dobiti na 3-4 utakmice kupa cekovke nego sto je zaradio u celom prvenstvu.

Neki J.U.S.T.-ovi igrači su jedva dočekali odmor, ali većina nije. Josip Pličević i Mendo Ristovski koriste svaku priliku da odigraju neku utakmicu, pa makar i divlju. Pored toga Mendo Ristovski pomaze klubu i van igralista. On je "cata" svakog utomnika i cekovke uveo u Rob Roy Hotel, gde se igra BINGO (tombola) u kistor "plavih," ciju apol polako ali sigurno dozisse postavljenu metu.

Over srede J.U.S.T. bira svog najboljeg i najpopularnijeg igrača, koji je dobio trofej pod Rogerom Mervichom. Pored toga Mendo Ristovski, Josip Pličević i Ivančićevi su učestvovali u izboru najboljeg igrača u Australiji, kako se zove, kao junior J.U.S.T.-a pre 8 godina. Pored ovog velikog pokala bice i manji, Kasapnica "Dunav" iz Springvila, koja je bila dozivljiva prema J.U.S.T.-u preko cele godine, poklonjena jednu suncu igraču koji je inačice napredovao ove godine.

TURNIR OSAM TIMOVA U GEELONGU

Menadžer drugog tima J.U.S.T.-a Josip Stepin morao je da prepusti organizaciju prvog turnira jugoslovenskih klubova Geelongu, jer ce igrači J.U.S.T.-a biti naspamet zemljom, preko koje se zasadiši nova trava.

Ovaj prvi turnir bice probni i u njemu ce užeti učešće oni klubovi, koji su zagovarali osnivanje istog. Iduće godine pristup će biti slobodan za sve klubove koji zeli da učestvuju na turniru jugoslovenskih klubova u Viktoriji. Ukoliko do slike akcije dođe u ostalim drzavama Australije, onda će se održati Federalni finalni turnir između pobednika državnih turnira.

Turnir u Geelongu počinje u subotu 21. oktobra. Igraci se subotom i nedjeljom po dve utakmice igraliste se nalazi u Handy St, Corio (predgradje Geelonga).

Učešci su podjeljeni u dve grupe:

"A" grupa - J.U.S.T., Tarax, Pelister/Pascoe Vale, Geelong "A".
"B" grupa - Inter, Geelong "B", Norlane, Springvale.

U subotu 21. oktobra igraju sledeći parovi: Inter-Springvale, Norlane-Geelong "B".

Nedelja, 22. oktobra: Pelister - Geelong "A", J.U.S.T. - Tarax.

U nedelju i subotu 28. i 29. oktobra igraju pobednici "A" grupe sa parovima iz "B" grupe.

Finalne utakmice se igraju 11. i 12. novembra, tako da ce se dobiti raspored od prvog do osmog mesta.

Ime trofeja i vlasni novčane nagrade bice objavljene naknadno. Posto mora biti pobednika na svakoj utakmici, nece se igrači produžiti vec se izdvoji jedanaesterc. Svaki tim treba da nosi dva para dresova, jer ce kocke odlicijevati ko mora promeniti boju.

IZLET U LILYDALE

U nedelju 15. oktobra, sastaj se drugi tim J.U.S.T.-a i Springvale na izletu u Lilydale, koji organizuje društvo "Bosna i Hercegovina" u kordinaciji J.U.S.T.-ovog apela. Utakmica počinje u 1 sat po podne, a posle toga nastaju drustvene igre i narodno veselje do mrača. Drugi tim "plavih" će pozvati nekoliko protivnika, koji ce igrali po jedno poluvreme.

ZABAVA U KOKOJU - PLAVI

Apel, koji je uvelike uspešan u organizaciji i realizaciji specijalnog izleta J.U.S.T.-a, uzima sve vise maha. Ponodoljećina i razna drustvena dela se pomognu "plavima" u napomiru da stvore sampioni tim u idućem sezonu. Cimopreko društvo "Njegoš," koja odražava popularne i dobro posebene zavabe, pribređuje u subotu 14. oktobra specijalnu igranku sa većem i bogatim lutrom u kistor J.U.S.T.-a. Njih ostalo mnogo mesta, pa se zato treba postaratati na vreme za ulaznice, koje kostaju svega 4 dolara, a vecera 3 dolara.

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Sunshine Heights under 10 team has won its second championship in a row.

The boys came second as under 8s in 1976 and won the league as under 9s last year.

The picture shows, from left, back row: T. Giantar (manager), T. Eley, D. Caruana, J. Grillo, J. Scerri, D. Smith (coach), F. Muscat, R. Dragovic, J. Magro. Front row: G. Donald, D. DeBono, D. Smith, M. Saliba, A. Galea, A. Zulli, G. Smith (team mascot), L. Krol. Absent: V. Sammut.



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Coaching of juniors: an enlightened approach

I have come across one of the finest articles yet written on the rights and wrongs of junior soccer.

It is by Stuart G. Robbins, an Associate Professor at York University, and it was published in the Canadian paper, the "Sport Ontario News."

We reprint it here in full, and I strongly urge everyone involved in junior soccer to read it carefully. I am sure it will open your eyes:

It is very obvious when we look at an eight-year-old and an adult that they are different. We can observe differences in size, body proportions, strength, endurance and intellectual functioning.

Children at one time were treated like miniature adults, but in the last few years we have come to recognize childhood, and the individual differences between children, as an acceptable phase of life.

However, when we look at children in sports, it is surprising how we, like the Victorians, seem to ignore the most obvious evidence:

Unfortunately, the trap is easy to fall into. Children look cute when they dress up. The page boy at a wedding looks cute dressed in a suit and is the centre of many photographs.

In the same way, the six-year-old soccer player dressed in full equipment, hardly able to move, is looked at warmly by admiring relatives. We have become blind to the real needs of the child.

Sport psychologist Terry O'lock, after studying kids sports and games for six years, has pointed out so clearly that most Canadian kids drop out of organized sports by the age of 15. The number may be as high as 80 or 90 per cent.

It is my contention that our first step in motivating children in sports must be to modify the games as played by the pros to meet the specific needs of those children.

I will use as an example, to illustrate my point, some of the research that has been carried out in soccer.

Researchers, using body size norms developed for various ages and the mature adult, concluded that the eight-year-old should be playing on a field 60 yards by 40 yards, with goals six feet high and six yards wide, and should use a size 3 soccer ball.

As Ken Aston, a world-famous referee and an elementary school principal, has said, "If an adult can kick the ball from a corner kick to the centre of the goal, the field should be adjusted so that a child can do the same thing."

When we think about it, how can we expect a young child to head a ball that is twice the size of his head and seems to weigh a ton and be travelling at 90 miles an hour? Only the foolhardy would head the ball in this situation.

Ike McKay, a member of the Canadian national soccer team, compared the number of touches, ball possession time and distance travelled with children playing 11-a-side soccer on a regulation field and with 5-a-side soccer on a modified field.

Those children in the modified situation touched the ball significantly more times and were in possession of the ball for a significantly longer time.

In order for sports to be meaningful, there must be some uncertainty as to the results. If one team is constantly being beaten, the tendency is to quit. It is only peer pressure or fear of being called a failure that keeps them playing.

If a team is constantly winning, there is little point in competing other than to humiliate opponents.

Children, when left on their own, tend to balance teams. Often if one team starts to win by a large margin they will adjust the teams, thus maintaining uncertainty and arousal. Adults, on the other hand, attempt to stack teams and recruit players in order to develop a winner.

If we want young people to stay involved in sports, we must ensure that they compete at their own level of ability and that there is uncertainty as to the result. In this way they will constantly strive to do better.

5) In today's age we tend to try to motivate children with extrinsic rewards rather than because the activity itself is fun and satisfying. If you look at the budget of almost any minor sports group, you will find that the largest proportion of money is spent on trophies and awards. We seem to have trophies for everything. I know a girl who has 65 trophies in her basement and she quit soccer at 12 years of age.

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significantly greater period of time than those playing the regular game.

There was no significant difference between the groups in the distance travelled. If we want children to improve their skill, it is important that they touch the ball as much as possible. Games should be meaningful to the child's level of understanding. The throw-in in soccer must be most bewildering to the six-year-old who has been told never to use the hands.

Many adults do not understand the offside rule, and yet we insist on using it in six-year-olds' games.

Rules have evolved to ensure fair play for adults, and make sense in that situation. We should adapt them to children. Research shows that by placing children in situations which are too complex and before they are ready for them, they tend to regress to immature patterns. In this way the potential development of the player will be limited. We have all seen the youngster with tremendous potential who never seem to get any better.

It is time to redesign sports, redirect emphasis, redefine success - rewards, realign reward efforts, and for the following guidelines for a more positive approach to motivating children in sports.

1) We must look at the needs and characteristics of children and modify the playing areas, equipment, rules and structures of our own particular game or sport.

2) There is a need to ensure that the objectives of the child, coach and parents are the same.

So often the coaches are involved in producing a winner. Parents obtain vicarious pleasure from their child's play. They start to see gold medals or professional status for their child, and spend hours reviewing the game or contest. Meanwhile, the child is playing for fun and the social interaction with his friends.

It is then little wonder that tensions develop, since those involved in sports have different objectives. In order to make sport a pleasurable experience, we must attempt to match the objectives of adults with those of the children.

3) I think we are tied up in the "develop a winner syndrome." Coaches become obsessed with developing a winner or a winning team at a young age, rather than teaching the child the fundamentals of the game.

Often tactics that enable a team to win at a young age are not conducive to learning the finer points of the game.

We tend to put too much pressure on the player or performer, so that they become reticent to explore and experiment with new skills or tactics and merely resort to those skills or tactics that have worked before.

Great athletes have the confidence to explore, experiment and create and give to the game or sport flair and individuality. We are in danger of eliminating this essential characteristic.

4) Fourth, and associated with the previous point, is the subtle difference in play between adults and players, or between someone else. Today, as I observe many contests and competitions, I feel we are playing to defeat, to humiliate the opposition.

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A view from the junior ranks

BY LEIF JENSEN



Richmond looks to local schools

Richmond (Vic) has had great success co-operating with local schools to field juniors teams.

Richmond's under 16s, consisting mainly of pupils from Richmond High and Technical schools, have won three championships and one Cup in four years.

The club's under 13B team (pictured) is made up of boys from Cremorne State School in Richmond.

As the photo shows, they are not short of players.

The under 13s have talent. They missed a few matches at the start of the season but still managed to finish in fifth place.



These are the under 13 boys of Tasmanian champion club White Eagles, who form the basis of the club's future.

The boys were organised into a team earlier this year by Peter Czyzowicz whose son Adam plays for them. Coach is Terry O'lock.

The picture shows, back row for left: A. Czyzowicz, J. Nierasz, G. Angel, A. Freund, B. Bidjowski, P. Sliw, J. Ziembka, B. Klimmek, R. Leszczynski, W. Niekrasz, G. Crawford, R. Kowaluk, S. Jones, M. Krzysica, Z. Sliw, Parker.

goal, and yet we are trying to develop team play.

Often players are given a Coke, sandwich or hamburger when they win. What is the difference in principle between a Coke, a sandwich, a bite or \$1000? In fact, it is only degree.

After a 12-year-old has won a national championship, a national championship and been to other parts of the world, what is left to be achieved?

There is only one direction to go. We must encourage children to enjoy the sport for itself and for the pleasure of playing.

6) We should look at some of the psychological research on crowd effect. If a person is skilled, the noise of the crowd motivates that person to improved performance.

If however, the person is not very skilled or is learning a skill, crowd noise has a detrimental effect on performance.

The person gets "up-tight" and makes further mistakes.

It is interesting to look at a six-year-old's game - the stands are packed with screaming parents, relatives and friends.

Perhaps we should ban parents from children's games.

Obviously this is not possible or desirable, but what we might do is to endeavour to limit the psychological effects on the child.

7) As we look at much of the psychological research on motivation, we find that praise, in the long term, is more effective than criticism. Negative criticism and punishment indeed work, but only

for a short time. Yet, teachers and coaches almost inevitably use negative reinforcement: "No, don't do that way!" Yelling and screaming becomes the norm.

I am not saying that we should not correct performance, for without improvement will not take place, but rather that we can correct in a positive, constructive way.

8) In team sports we are in danger of stressing one or two players; in fact, a team is as strong as its weakest link. Everyone on the team learns to play their own job and maximise their strengths and minimise their weaknesses on behalf of the team.

At a young age we must play everyone as much as possible. In the key game it is often not the star of the team who wins the game, but rather one of the weaker players coming up with a big performance.

If we pick a player, we owe it to that player to at least give him reasonable playing time.

9) We tend to turn children off and limit their development by over-specialisation. We make children or six choose between soccer or basketball or between hockey or basketball. This the age when the child should be developing all basic skills which can be built on later.

There is little evidence that specialisation produces better adult champions.

10) Finally, we need to motivate children by focusing on individual and team improvement, to set individual and team short-term objectives.

This is easy in individual events in which a score can be improved, or a time or distance bettered, but is more difficult in a team sport.

We could set objectives such as: "This period we are going to get ten shots on goal." "We are going to try to limit the opponents to five shots on goal." "Johnny, you are going to try to beat your opponent in the ball more times than he beats us."

In this way, children will work to improve their performance and through success will become more motivated to work on further improvement.

I see "kids sports" to be in a time of challenge. Sport has so much to offer to the development of a child, and yet we seem to be turning them off. There are many exciting programs going on. It is a sobering thought that their futures, their lives, are in our hands.

Peter Sharp, 10, of Brighton under 12s, is given some goalkeeping practice at a recent Australian Soccer Camps coaching session. Instructor is Bobby McLachlan, Victorian coaching director for Australian Coaching Camps.

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JACEK GMOCH QUILTS POLAND

WARSAW, — Jacek Gmoch, Poland's national manager during the World Cup in Argentina last June, has quit.



Juanito

Spanish, Czechs triumph

BELGRADE, — Goals by Juanito and Santillana gave Spain a highly creditable 2-1 victory over Yugoslavia at Zagreb in a European soccer championship group three match.

Two goals from Maury sent Yugoslavia champion Czechoslovakia to a 3-1 win over Sweden in a group five championship game.

Borg gave a 1-1 half-time score, but Maury's second and Nehoda's goal resolved the issue.

Halidzic scored Yugoslavia's goal, with the scoring completed by halftime.

In another European championship match East Germany beat Iceland 3-1 at Halle.

Peter, Riediger and Hoffman netted for the home side, with Petersson replying for Iceland.

Poland beat the Soviet Union 2-1 (halftime 1-1) in an under-21 international at Zamosc, south east Poland.

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